

Reference No. 6.12

**EMPLOYED WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS : AUSTRALIA, FEBRUARY 1975
PRELIMINARY STATEMENT**

MAIN FEATURES

- * The number of wage and salary earners in civilian employment (excluding agriculture and private domestic service) increased by 30,300 during February 1975. This was the first month since June 1974 in which an increase had occurred. In seasonally adjusted terms there was a rise of 5,500.
- * The increase comprised 28,000 in government employment and 2,300 in private employment. The main industries in which increases occurred were education (26,500) co-inciding with the beginning of the school year, and building and construction (5,400) partly reflecting employment by local government bodies under the Regional Employment Development scheme.
- * Decreases were recorded in commerce (3,700) and manufacturing (3,200).

EXPLANATORY NOTES

Introduction

This preliminary statement will be followed in due course by the monthly bulletin *Employment and Unemployment* (Reference No. 6.4) which gives information in greater detail.

Reference period

2. Current data supplied by reporting enterprises or establishments generally refer to persons on the payroll for the last pay-period in each month.

Scope of Estimates

3. The series in this statement relate only to *wage and salary earners* not the total labour force. The statistics therefore exclude employers, self-employed persons and unpaid helpers. Also excluded, because of the inadequacy of current data, are employees in agriculture and private domestic service, and some

part-time employees. For the sake of brevity, wage and salary earners are referred to in the tables as 'employees'.

4. Persons who are on paid leave or who work during part of the pay-period and are unemployed or on strike during the rest of the period are generally counted as employed. Those not shown on employers' payrolls because they are on leave without pay, on strike or stood down for the entire period are excluded.

Method of estimation

5. The estimates are based on benchmarks derived from the results of the 1966 population census. Month-to-month changes shown by current returns are linked to the benchmark data to derive the monthly estimates. Current returns are of three main types:

- . payroll tax returns
- . returns from government bodies
- . other current employment returns (e.g. for hospitals).

6. Recorded employment obtained from these sources is estimated to account for about 90 per cent of the total number of employees in the industries covered. The balance (that is, unrecorded private employment) is estimated.

Government employment

7. Government employees comprise not only administrative employees but also all other employees of government bodies (Australian, State, local and semi-government) on services such as railways, road transport, banks, post office, air transport, education (including universities), broadcasting, radio and T.V., police, public works, factories and departmental hospitals and institutions.

NOTE. Any discrepancies between totals and sums of components in tables are due to rounding. The figures shown are subject to revision.

TABLE 1. — CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES
(Excluding agriculture and private domestic service)
(’000)

									Australia	
Month	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T. (a)	Original	Seasonally adjusted (b)
MALES										
1974—January	1,137.6	854.1	416.9	284.2	234.6	92.4	21.2	46.8	3,087.7	3,087.6
February	1,139.5	855.7	421.1	284.9	235.4	92.9	21.2	46.6	3,097.4	3,088.5
1975—January	1,114.9	847.6	418.6	284.5	238.6	92.3	(d)19.9	49.3	3,065.7	3,065.7
February	1,116.8	847.7	423.4	284.5	241.0	92.4	20.2	49.7	3,075.7	3,066.9
FEMALES										
1974—January	627.1	484.2	209.5	154.1	129.1	43.5	10.8	28.6	1,687.0	1,700.5
February	638.6	492.1	210.5	159.5	132.7	44.1	11.2	29.1	1,717.8	1,716.1
1975—January	613.3	480.6	213.8	156.7	131.1	44.5	(d)10.1	31.2	1,681.4	1,695.0
February	624.0	483.1	215.0	158.7	134.3	44.8	10.4	31.5	1,701.7	1,700.2
PERSONS										
1974—January	1,764.7	1,338.3	626.4	438.3	363.7	135.9	32.0	75.4	4,774.7	4,788.6
February	1,778.1	1,347.8	631.6	444.4	368.1	137.0	32.4	75.7	4,815.2	4,804.2
1975—January	1,728.2	1,328.2	632.4	441.2	369.7	136.8	(d)30.0	80.5	4,747.1	4,761.1
February	1,740.8	1,330.8	638.4	443.2	375.3	137.2	30.6	81.2	4,777.4	4,766.6

(a) Includes persons employed in the Australian Capital Territory who reside in adjoining areas. (b) For details of the methods used see *Seasonally Adjusted Indicators*, 1974 (Reference No. 1.10). (c) Refers to the period immediately prior to cyclone Tracy. (d) Includes employees on leave following cyclone Tracy. Excludes employees relocated temporarily or permanently in employment outside the Northern Territory, who have been included in estimates for the appropriate States or the Australian Capital Territory.

TABLE 2. — TOTAL CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES (PRIVATE AND GOVERNMENT) AND DEFENCE FORCES : AUSTRALIA
(Excluding agriculture and private domestic service)
(’000)

		Government (a)				Civilian employees	Defence forces (c)	Total civilian employees and defence forces	
Month	Private	Australian	State (b)	Local (b)	Total (b)				
MALES									
1974—	January	2,232.4	266.9	489.7	98.7	855.3	3,087.7	66.8	3,154.5
	February	2,237.0	267.6	494.3	98.6	860.4	3,097.4	66.3	3,163.7
1975—	January	2,179.8	275.1	508.4	102.4	885.9	3,065.7	65.3	3,131.0
	February	2,179.7	275.9	514.3	105.8	896.0	3,075.7	65.4	3,141.1
FEMALES									
1974—	January	1,380.0	102.8	189.0	15.3	307.0	1,687.0	2.9	1,689.9
	February	1,399.0	103.8	199.6	15.4	318.8	1,717.8	2.9	1,720.7
1975—	January	1,348.5	111.7	205.2	16.0	332.9	1,681.4	3.2	1,684.6
	February	1,350.9	112.1	222.6	16.1	350.8	1,701.7	3.2	1,704.9
PERSONS									
1974—	January	3,612.4	369.7	678.7	114.0	1,162.3	4,774.7	69.7	4,844.4
	February	3,635.9	371.4	693.9	114.0	1,179.3	4,815.2	69.2	4,884.4
1975—	January	3,528.3	386.8	713.6	118.4	1,218.8	4,747.1	68.5	4,815.6
	February	3,530.6	388.0	737.0	121.9	1,246.8	4,777.4	68.6	4,846.0

(a) Includes semi-government bodies. (b) Excludes State and local government employees (4.9 thousand persons in December 1974) engaged in agriculture, or in private homes as employees of government emergency housekeeper services. (c) Permanent defence forces in Australia and overseas.

TABLE 3. - CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES BY INDUSTRY, AUSTRALIA
(Excluding agriculture and private domestic service)
(^{'000})

Month	Forestry, fishing and trapping	Mining and quarrying	Extracting, refining, foundry, etc. (a)	Metal products	Machinery and parts	Total foundry, engineering, metal working (b)	Ships, vehicles, etc.	Yarns, textiles, etc.	Clothing and knitted goods	Food, drink and tobacco	Total manufac- turing (b)	Electricity, gas, water and sanitary services	Building and construction
MALES													
1974 - January	13.9	70.7	90.4	104.3	104.1	350.0	181.1	28.5	17.3	144.2	1,046.6	109.5	362.3
February	13.8	70.7	89.9	104.1	104.3	349.5	180.8	28.5	17.3	145.3	1,047.1	109.6	365.3
1975 - January	14.2	75.4	89.6	98.5	102.8	340.0	166.7	21.8	15.0	141.9	993.9	111.7	360.2
February	14.2	75.7	89.4	98.2	101.7	338.3	165.3	21.7	14.9	143.8	991.5	111.8	365.5
FEMALES													
1974 - January	0.8	4.8	9.1	26.0	19.6	87.9	27.0	22.8	72.0	55.5	378.1	8.8	20.7
February	0.7	4.9	9.3	26.3	20.0	89.5	27.7	23.1	73.1	59.1	386.3	8.8	20.9
1975 - January	0.8	5.3	9.1	23.0	18.1	79.8	23.3	15.2	58.2	53.1	332.5	9.0	20.1
February	0.8	5.2	8.9	22.6	17.7	78.0	22.7	15.1	57.6	56.2	331.7	9.0	20.1
PERSONS													
1974 - January	14.6	75.6	99.6	130.3	123.7	437.9	208.2	51.3	89.4	199.7	1,424.8	118.4	382.9
February	14.5	75.5	99.2	130.4	124.3	439.0	208.5	51.6	90.4	204.4	1,433.4	118.3	386.2
1975 - January	15.0	80.7	98.6	121.5	120.9	419.7	190.0	37.0	73.3	195.1	1,326.4	120.7	380.3
February	14.9	80.9	98.3	120.8	119.4	416.3	188.1	36.8	72.5	200.0	1,323.2	120.8	385.7
Month	Road transport and storage	Total transport and storage (b)	Commun- ication	Finance and property	Retail trade	Total commerce (b)	Public authority activities, (n.e.i.)	Health, hospitals, etc.	Education	Total community and business services (b)	Hotels, personal service, etc.	Total amuse- ment, hotels, personal service, etc. (b)	Total all industry groups
MALES													
1974 - January	105.2	226.6	99.8	131.7	244.4	463.2	150.1	53.7	108.6	281.1	93.5	132.1	3,087.7
February	105.7	227.1	100.2	133.0	244.2	461.4	150.7	53.8	112.5	286.4	93.3	132.2	3,097.4
1975 - January	103.8	230.8	102.0	131.3	242.7	458.9	157.1	58.2	115.9	295.3	94.4	134.7	3,065.7
February	103.1	230.4	102.3	131.5	243.0	457.4	157.5	58.3	123.0	302.9	94.2	135.0	3,075.7
FEMALES													
1974 - January	14.2	30.6	30.4	104.6	283.0	375.4	75.5	224.3	143.6	470.1	164.0	187.2	1,687.0
February	14.3	30.8	30.4	106.6	284.4	377.7	76.4	227.6	155.9	486.3	164.7	188.1	1,717.8
1975 - January	14.3	31.0	31.8	106.7	282.8	374.7	83.3	237.8	156.0	494.9	166.4	191.1	1,681.4
February	14.1	30.9	31.4	107.0	281.4	372.5	84.1	241.1	175.4	518.1	165.3	190.8	1,701.7
PERSONS													
1974 - January	119.4	257.2	130.2	236.3	527.4	838.6	225.6	278.0	252.2	751.2	257.5	319.2	4,774.7
February	119.9	257.9	130.7	239.5	528.5	839.1	227.0	281.4	268.4	772.7	258.0	320.3	4,815.2
1975 - January	118.0	261.8	133.9	238.1	525.4	833.7	240.5	296.0	271.9	790.2	260.8	325.8	4,747.1
February	117.2	261.2	133.7	238.5	524.4	830.0	241.6	299.4	298.4	821.1	259.6	325.8	4,777.4

(a) Includes manufacture of metal rods, bars, sheets, pipes, tubes and wire (except electric). (b) Includes industries not specified in the preceding columns.

TABLE 4. — CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES : AUSTRALIA
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED SERIES
(Excluding agriculture and private domestic service)
(⁰⁰⁰)

Month	Total civilian employees			Private/Government (persons)		Principal industries (persons)	
	Males	Females	Persons	Private	Government (a)	Manufacturing	Commerce
ORIGINAL							
1974 — January	3,087.7	1,687.0	4,774.7	3,612.4	1,162.3	1,424.8	838.6
February	3,097.4	1,717.8	4,815.2	3,635.9	1,179.3	1,433.4	839.1
March	3,109.1	1,736.2	4,845.3	3,658.8	1,186.5	1,438.8	844.0
April	3,109.6	1,742.9	4,852.5	3,662.2	1,190.3	1,439.0	844.6
May	3,118.1	1,751.4	4,869.5	3,676.1	1,193.4	1,440.8	848.0
June	3,119.7	1,753.8	4,873.5	3,675.9	1,197.6	1,437.7	847.1
July	(b)3,106.5	(b)1,747.4	(b)4,853.9	(b)3,650.3	(b)1,203.6	(b)1,421.4	(b)840.8
August	(b)3,101.2	(b)1,741.2	(b)4,842.4	(b)3,635.5	(b)1,206.9	(b)1,411.5	838.6
September	(b)3,098.0	1,737.5	(b)4,835.5	(b)3,625.9	1,209.6	1,405.7	837.9
October	3,095.0	1,732.6	4,827.6	3,613.9	1,213.7	1,388.1	841.8
November	3,091.5	1,729.8	4,821.3	3,602.1	1,219.2	1,374.9	845.4
December	3,081.4	1,707.1	4,788.5	3,567.3	1,221.2	1,344.3	848.0
1975 — January	3,065.7	1,681.4	4,747.1	3,528.3	1,218.8	1,326.4	833.7
February	3,075.7	1,701.7	4,777.4	3,530.6	1,246.8	1,323.2	830.0
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED (c)							
1974 — January	3,087.6	1,700.5	4,788.6	3,618.7	1,172.9	1,426.7	838.7
February	3,088.5	1,716.1	4,804.2	3,630.5	1,174.6	1,428.3	842.5
March	3,098.6	1,728.0	4,828.1	3,646.1	1,177.5	1,429.5	846.8
April	3,103.5	1,739.1	4,844.0	3,658.1	1,181.8	1,437.6	847.0
May	3,113.6	1,748.5	4,862.1	3,673.8	1,186.7	1,440.6	848.2
June	3,121.1	1,755.8	4,877.5	3,682.5	1,195.5	1,440.7	850.2
July	(b)3,115.3	(b)1,754.3	(b)4,869.3	(b)3,665.3	(b)1,204.2	(b)1,427.9	(b)846.6
August	(b)3,111.4	(b)1,749.1	(b)4,861.2	(b)3,651.5	(b)1,209.5	(b)1,417.8	845.9
September	(b)3,110.1	1,742.3	(b)4,852.3	(b)3,637.6	1,214.9	1,409.8	842.7
October	3,107.2	1,732.5	4,840.7	3,619.6	1,221.5	1,389.3	843.3
November	3,088.2	1,718.5	4,807.0	3,583.0	1,224.7	1,366.8	835.4
December	3,070.2	1,700.2	4,765.3	3,550.5	1,220.4	1,345.5	827.1
1975 — January	3,065.7	1,695.0	4,761.1	3,534.5	1,229.9	1,328.2	833.9
February	3,066.9	1,700.2	4,766.6	3,525.5	1,241.8	1,318.5	833.5

(a) See footnote (a) to Table 2. (b) Affected by industrial disputes. (c) See footnote (b) to Table 1.

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